

English Grades for 9th Grade

- The English grade is a reflection of work completed in grammar, literature, and composition. A book report and weekly quizzes over an additional book are also required each quarter.
- The teacher may use discretion in lowering a grade if the student is not meeting daily requirements or displays a poor attitude.
- The semester grade is the average of the two quarter grades. Averages are rounded to the closest integer.

Grammar (20%): During 1st quarter, two grammar lessons are due each **Monday** of the quarter. For the remainder of the year, three will be required each Monday. To pass a grammar lesson, a student must complete the page with 95% accuracy. Students not achieving this goal are tutored and then repeat the grammar lesson. Students are also required to demonstrate mastery in a Greek and Latin Word Roots program. Each unit is worth two grammar lessons and is averaged into the total final score. (After 1st quarter they will be worth three lessons.) At the end of the quarter all the lessons are totaled and the appropriate grade is awarded based on a percentage of completed lessons. In addition throughout each quarter, 4 key pages will be taken for a grade, not just completion, as an additional form of assessment. Students are expected to make up each grammar lesson missed. The total number required for the quarter is not adjusted due to absences.

Literature (35%): The literature grade consists of a final exam and the completion of a reading assignment followed by a weekly quiz and teacher-related book discussion every **Friday**. Each week a student completes a required reading assignment that prepares the student for a literature discussion. Students may receive up to 4 points for each discussion session, 4 for the study guide, and 8 for the reading quiz. To earn the maximum points each week, students must come prepared with the literature book, give complete and accurate answers to questions, and record any vocabulary or terms presented in the weekly lesson. The weekly literature score is **25%** of the total English grade. At the end of the quarter, a final exam is given that covers the themes and literary vocabulary of the book. The final exam score is worth **10%** of the total English grade.

Composition (35%): Each composition is completed in steps. Everyone has the opportunity to earn a perfect score if he or she meets deadlines, does his personal best, and follows the suggestions given by the teacher. **Tuesday through Thursday** will typically be the designated days to work on composition assignments in class. At the start of a composition session, each student will set a composition goal with the teacher. Points are deducted and homework is assigned if the student does not meet his or her writing requirement for the day. Points may also be deducted for demonstrating careless work, coming to class unprepared, and exhibiting uncooperative behaviors. A published writing rubric is used to determine this grade. The composition projects are totaled and averaged at the end of the quarter.

“A” Book/Book Report Book (10%): Each quarter students will read an additional assigned book, take weekly quizzes, and complete a book report. The book report will have both rough draft and final draft deadlines which will be announced at a later date.